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The Argus has made arrangements to conduct a chicken column where all the good and bad points of chickens and their troubles will be discussed by a chicken man. If there is anything you do not know about a chicken, just ask the chicken editor and he will try to answer it.

The Payette boosters are busy trying to get the Continental Oil company to sell gasoline as cheap in Payette as the Standard is selling it in Ontario and it is dollars to doughnuts that they will succeed. When a bunch of good live boosters get busy they can get about anything they go after.

This week we have the announcement of Emory Cole, of Brogan, as a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Cole moved to this county in 1868 and to the ranch where he now lives in 1872, so he comes near being a native. He knows the county better than almost any other man in it and is known from one end of it to the other, so that he will have many men working for him at the primaries. Mr. Cole is well qualified for the position to which he aspires.

There was a general cleaning of the streets and alleys last week and the city has not got all the rubbish hauled away yet, but are still at it. The city looks much better and there are fewer breeding places for flies and other disease germinators. The citizens should cultivate a spirit of civic pride and cleanliness, take an interest in keeping all trash where it belongs. How often one sees men and women walking along the street throwing paper and other refuse down, without a thought for the other fellow who must come along and pick it up. If some of our people could make a trip to Europe and see the care used to keep everything clean and sanitary they would realize what a dirty lot of people the Americans are, when it comes to their streets and cities.

The Jordan Valley people are entitled to a great deal of credit for establishing the first tax payers' league in the county and they started with a large membership of representative tax payers. There should be other leagues organized in other sections of the county and then a county league organized with directors in every precinct and road district in the county and there would be a noticeable reduction in the amount of taxes. Our taxes at present are \$35 per capita, in Minnesota they are less than five and the people there think they are being taxed too much. Extravagance has run wild in this county and it is time to turn about and get headed in the other direction for awhile. While all the citizens have been compelled to economize in every way the county officials have been spending more and more money each year.

There was a man in the city last week taking orders for men's suits and strange as it may appear he actually did a nice business and many of his customers are men who are in business here. Just how any citizen can patronize a traveling peddler when almost every merchant in the city could take his measure just as well and supply him with just as good clothes at the same price is something that is hard to figure out, but they do it and keep on doing it each year and most of those men think it is an awful thing for other people to send away for anything they want. The same thing might be said regarding the employment of home men and women, boys and girls. There must be a revival of civic pride here if we expect to get anywhere. We must realize that the slogan to trade at home is meant for all, not a few. The idea must be carried clear through, not just on the rim. There is practically nothing that cannot be bought from an Ontario firm, still there is a large percent of our purchases made from outside people who do not contribute to our local expenses.

FARMERS AND DUDELETS

"Oh, he's just a farmer out here in the country."

We stood on a street corner the other day and heard that remark passed by one of the "brilliant" young masculine striplings of our town as he "bummed" the makings from a friend.

The farmer, to be sure, was just a

farmer "out here in the country." He wore overalls and drove his wagon into town, but at home his automobile rested snugly in the garage. He owns one of the most valuable farms in this whole section of the state. His home life is ideal and his wife and children have everything they desire. His simple word is as good as his check, and his check would be honored for a sum that might stagger you.

He is a man, a real man, a man whom other men acknowledge to be a man among men, even if he is "just a farmer out here in the country."

But what of the stripling, what of the dudelet?

He is just one of that numerous class who always know everything and never do anything, who amount to nothing and are worth less. He is just a dudelet, and it is doubtful if he ever attains to the "dignity" of being a real dude.

Yes, he is "just a farmer out here in the country," but he is our friend, he is everybody's friend, and time may prove him to be the "friend in need" of the poor, vapid, brainless dudelet.

We need a thousand more just like him—this man who is "just a farmer out here in the country" and whom we are proud to know as our friend.

Poor, deluded dudelet! May he never be worse!

SUGAR

So "for revenue only" the party in power has decided to indefinitely continue the tariff on sugar. Exactly. But what are tariffs generally for? Had the country been able to run itself there would never have been any tariff.

It was adopted because the masses of the people will pay a tariff tax in preference to any other, and the Republican party, inheriting the idea from the old Whigs, have believed that there should be a distinction made in levying a tariff between industries that need no help and other industries that have not yet reached that stage.

Thus when the Underwood bill was under discussion, it was explained that with sugar on the free list, it would place American beet and cane sugar making in direct competition with the more than half-naked semi-slaves of Cuba, and with the double result of ruining the industry on this side, causing a vast loss of invested capital, take the wages from very many Americans, and make it necessary to send abroad many millions of dollars annually. But that availed nothing then except to induce the majority to postpone for a few months the time on which the tariff on sugar should cease to act.

But now that time is indefinitely postponed and the great war is given is the reason. That and the large sums needed for preparedness. The truth is there has been a steadily increasing deficit, which began long before the war did and which the revenue from the new income tax could not begin to make up. It is almost grotesque to think of the fix the Democracy would have been in now except for that most terrible war.

We have no doubt that the Democrats grieve exceedingly over the sufferings caused by that war, but neither do we suspect that they fail to note what a God-send it has been to their party. It enables their party to cover up much that they have done which they now earnestly desire to keep concealed until after November, and has opened for them, if they manage well, an almost appalling campaign fund for this year, to be used where it will do most good. They may through it cause the people to forget that the seventeen year locust is not generally expected offener than once in seventeen years.

It is with political parties sometimes, as it is with men—"It is better to be born lucky than rich." Still, when the ex-Confederate constitution was solemnly resurrected, galvanized and restored, it was not sufficiently sterilized to do away with its odor and it still smells—Goodwin's Weekly.

There is an unusual large amount of parcel post stuff being shipped to interior points. The shipments cover about everything and it is surprising that the stores of the interior do not go after more of this business.

Some wise old duck defines a newspaper man as the chap who makes so much reputation and money for others that there is nothing left for himself.

With a good crop of wheat in the Northwest while the rest of the country reports a shortage there should be good prices for local yields this year.

Don't smoke your pipe near a gasoline tank. You may not be worth much, but gasoline is.

Don't pull a long face, old top. The other fellow's smile will put you in the shade.

GOOD POISON FOR GOPHERS, SQUIRRELS

Ranger Lucas recently returned from a trip to the head of Beech creek. He reports the snow still so deep that in some places he had to lead his horse.

That the Forest Service, through its local officers, is interested in the good roads movement is attested by the fact that two of the members of the committee on good roads from Grant county are Forest Service officials. The John Day district is represented by L. C. Pratt, forest clerk, and the Mt. Vernon section by F. C. Mack, forest ranger. Both men are enthusiastic good roads boosters.

The squirrels and gophers have come again. These annoying pests do untold damage to farmers' and ranchers' crops, to say nothing of the damage to grazing ranges and forage crops. It is high time that a concentrated attack be made on them. Information as to the best methods for the destruction of these and similar pests can be had on application to the Forest office at John Day. Supervisor Bingham recommends the following as the best method of poisoning: One gallon of wheat, barley, or oats is placed in a 5-gallon can. With this is mixed two cups-full of sugar, and about one ounce of cyanide of potassium. This last should be the dry cake form, and not that which is prepared in bottles. Over this mixture enough boiling water is poured to dissolve the sugar and poison and thoroughly soak the grain.

In the process of preparation the mixture should be stirred at all times, and care must be taken not to inhale the steam which contains the fumes of the poison. This preparation should stand over night, and in the morning be again stirred in order that the poison may reach and be absorbed by each kernel.

A few spoonfuls of this poisoned grain put under old logs will destroy all chipmunks, and two or three dozen kernels placed at the entrance or on the mounds of ground squirrel holes will suffice to rid the land of these pests. This mixture is a "sure shot" for mice, packrats, etc.

The United States Reclamation service recommends a special preparation called "Gophergo," manufactured by the Gopher Manufacturing Co., 39 South Chester Avenue, Pasadena, California. The preparation consists of machine-poisoned raisins and grain mixed, and the method of use is to insert about a teaspoonful of the mixture in each hole. If at the end of an eight-day period fresh mounds appear the process is repeated until all the pests are killed. Experiments by the United States biological survey show that green alfalfa is an attractive bait for meadow mice and ground squirrels. The following formula is recommended:

Green alfalfa cut in lengths of 2 to 4 inches, 25 lbs.; strychnia sulphate, 1 oz.; water, 2 quarts.

It has been estimated that the total cost for the destruction of pocket gophers, ground squirrels, etc., varies from 10c to 20c per acre, depending on the situation and abundance of the pests.

The use of motor-driven vehicles in the scheme of fire protection is being rapidly developed by the Forest Service. These machine enable forest officers to get to fires in the shortest possible time, thus arriving at the critical period in the fire development, before it has reached the stage where it burns with greatly increased rapidity, and when its suppression is relatively an easy matter.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Sags in roof-gutters may act as mosquito breeding places?

America's most valuable crop is babies?

The public cigar-cutter is a health menace?

The United States Public Health Service maintains a loan library of stereopticon slides?

The typhoid rate measures accurately community intelligence?

Whooping cough annually kills over ten thousand Americans?

Bad housing produces bad health?

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is spread by a wood-tick?

For Sale or trade for team and wagon, some cash, good five acre tract with buildings and fruit. Address box 459, Ontario, Ore. It

Dr. P. A. Simmons, the Boise Eye Specialist will be at the Moore Hotel for one day only, Saturday, April 15. All old patients and all others whose eyes are in need of attention are invited to call at this time.

Wanted—Rhode Island Red chickens and Silver Spangled Hamburgs, also turkey eggs.—Phone 29 n 2.

PORTLAND LIVE STOCK MARKETS STRONG

(Monday's Live Stock Reporter)

After rather a light week-end in receipts today's arrivals numbered better than for quite a while, nearly 1200 head being counted into the cattle section.

There was a very ready outlet and sales started off briskly and last week's advances were fully sustained on all sales.

Today's sales would indicate a very much better general market than last Monday. Light weight finished steers are fully two bits above similar sales a week ago.

Cows are steady with nothing startling in the way of quality with an exception of a couple of loads.

Cattle receipts:

Friday	87
Saturday	110
Monday	1,071
Month to date	1,419
Last year	1,937
Increase	382
Year to date	17,152
Last year	20,628
Decrease	3,476

Steers

Today's steers were in very good shape as to quality. Light weights broke into a little faster company and got under the wire at \$9.00, about 25 cents stronger than last Monday. Nine-cent stuff was plentiful and the bulk went from \$8.50 up. Most any kind of steer that showed any finish at all went at \$8.00 or better.

The bulk sold Saturday at \$7.00 @ 7.25 a week ago at \$8.00 @ 8.25, a month ago at \$7.50 @ 8.00, a year ago at \$7.50 @ 7.75, two years ago at \$5.00 @ 5.25, three years ago at \$5.00 @ 5.05, and four years ago at \$6.50 @ 6.75.

Cows and Heifers

There was not much of a change in the "she" division as to prices. Quality stuff went at the usual figures. A bunch of "pulpers" brought \$7.50. Bulk of the good stuff ranged from \$7.00 to \$7.50.

Cows

The bulk of cows went Saturday at \$6.00, a week ago at \$7.00 @ 7.50, a month ago at \$6.00 @ 6.25, a year ago at \$6.25 @ 6.50, two years ago at \$6.55 @ 7.00, three years ago at \$7.00 @ 7.25, and four years ago at \$5.50 @ 5.70.

Lambs

No receipts Saturday. The bulk sold a week ago at \$9.00 @ 10.50, a month ago at \$9.00 @ 9.50, a year ago at \$8.00 @ 8.75, two years ago at \$6.75 @ 7.00, three years ago at \$7.00, and four years ago at \$6.20 @ 6.50.

Hogs

Lightest receipts in the hog division today for some time. Past week's receipts were, however, very good. Quality as a rule today was not much to speak of and consequently the 9-cent top really showed good strength.

The bulk sold Saturday at \$9.00, a week ago at \$9.00 @ 9.10, a month ago at \$8.25 @ 8.30, a year ago at \$7.50 @ 7.55, two years ago at \$8.60, @ 8.70, three years ago at \$9.25 @ 9.30, and four years ago at \$8.15 @ 8.25.

Hog receipts:

Friday	445
Saturday	198
Monday	2,722
Month to date	6,396
Last year	3,593
Increase	2,803
Year to date	95,710
Last year	73,249
Increase	22,461

Of course, mother, you don't want your own dear boy to be a soldier. Send your neighbor's boy, instead.

The wise man listens when others talk, but the fool gabbles on whether they listen or not.

Some war, you bet. But the old world still shuffles along at its time honored jog.

And yet another week of those golden dreams has passed into nothingness.

If you would like to know your neighbor's true opinion of yourself ask his kid.

If we keep right on rating this as a good town others will soon be thinking as we do. Give 'er another boost!

That presidential plum is looking mighty big and juicy to the horde of hungry patriots squatting beneath the tree.

Yep! We are a confirmed advocate of preparedness—for the Sunday dinner.

Sympathy may be all right in its place, but it's a poor substitute for beefsteak if a man is hungry.

After Villa, who next?

Cleaning Up Would Destroy Mosquitoes' Breeding Places

"SWAT THE FLY" has long been a rallying cry among the workers for better sanitation, purer hygiene and cleaner streets, but its position as a slogan is threatened by a new cry of "Slam the mosquito!"

A bulletin issued by the Philadelphia board of health deals with the mosquito question and tells how to make the clean up campaign minimize, if not eliminate, the dangers inseparable from the presence of mosquitoes in numbers. It lays stress on the importance of killing as many as possible of the mosquitoes in the early spring, because "every mosquito killed now will mean thousands less in the summer."

"By far the best way to deal with mosquitoes," says the bulletin, "is to destroy their breeding places. As soon as the warm weather comes the female mosquitoes, which are the only ones which survive the winter, will emerge from their winter quarters in our cellars, vaults and other damp, dark places to seek food and to hunt a place to lay their eggs. The breeding mosquito must find standing water in which to deposit her eggs. If she falls in this she soon dies, without offspring. Therefore no stagnant water, no breeding places for mosquitoes; no breeding places, no mosquitoes."

"People do not realize that any puddle of water, no matter how small nor how foul, is an acceptable breeding place for mosquitoes. Where it is necessary to have water standing in tanks, barrels or other such receptacles, keep them tightly covered with fine wire screens. Keep cesspool covers perfectly tight and the vents tightly screened. "Where drainage of pools is not possible or covering of receptacles is not practicable all standing water should be covered with a film of kerosene oil, which prevents mosquitoes from breeding in it. One ounce of oil is sufficient to cover fifteen square feet of water. The oil should be renewed once a week during the mosquito breeding season."

The bulletin admonishes all householders and residents to take full advantage of clean up time, so that neighborhoods and individual premises may be made "mosquito proof, fly proof and disease proof."

SOME CLEAN UP BENEFITS.

Results Obtained in Chicago Would Please Any One.

A few of the things accomplished for Chicago by the clean up campaign were:

Helped keep the street clean, protection of the trees, back and front yards kept in good order, prizes having been offered for the greatest improvement and best results, kept dirt out of schools and made the boys shine their shoes, which has been an incentive to keep the buildings from being defaced and fences marked with chalk, etc.; flower boxes were used in the business districts and shrubs and flowers planted everywhere, protection to dumb animals and other things capable of being injured, many alleys paved, broken fences mended, old shacks torn down or repaired and painted, enforced the anti-spitting law, and playgrounds were created.

But, then, three good meals a day are better than hardtack and bullets.

We congratulate you on another week of life.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

J. A. Draper and little grand son Rae Defoe returned to Juntura Monday after a few days' visit in the city. Mr. Draper has several building contracts near Juntura.

Mrs. Naomia Biglow returned Monday from the Dick DeArmond ranch where she has been visiting her son Grover for the past two weeks.

Meedames Ben and Adrain Ruth-erford and Mrs. Pogue entertained the Good Will Club at Mrs. Ben Ruth-erford's home Saturday, April 8th, from 2 to 6 p. m. The afternoon was taken up in the study of Domestic Science, Meedames Draper, Pogue, Glenn, Rutherford, Hill and Purcell leading. The invited guests were Mrs. Wm. Lees and Mrs. Andy Lack-ey. Refreshments were served and club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Pogue, April 22. This meeting is especially for the children of the club and will be an Easter meeting with an Easter programme. Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Dell Stoner and Mrs. Adrain Rutherford are the committee on arrangements.

For Rent—House now occupied by W. H. Laxson. V. B. Staples. 131f

For rent—5 room cottage, good lawn, trees and garden spot.—Art Dunnuck, 84j. 1f



The above is a photo of James J. Donegan, of Burns, who has a card in another column, announcing himself as a candidate for joint representative.

Mr. Donegan has been a resident of Harney county for the past 27 years and is well acquainted with the needs of the district and if elected promises to work for the best interests of Drainage, Irrigation, Rural Credits and Education.

He has been county assessor for the past eight years and favors the budget and tax limitation laws, and believes his experience will enable him to have laws passed that will improve the tax laws of the state.

It takes all kinds of mutts to make a world, including the ones who inhale a few drinks and set out to settle the war.

Those who expect harmony in the democratic party seem to doubt that W. J. Bryan will be as strong for peace at St. Louis, as he is for peace in Europe.

Grand Duke Nick's record in the Asia Minors certainly ought to be good for a recall to the big league.

The "Vasser Girl"



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